

FINAL THOUGHTS Luke 9:10-17 p. 1,608
“The Same Story Today”

LUke— Universal

Luke is writing for all the people living throughout the Roman Empire. His parables and narratives include women, Gentiles, children, etc. He is probably a Gentile and often explains the customs of Jesus’ Jewish Community. Luke emphasizes the importance of prayer and the poor.

Luke’s version has similarities with other two stories with healing the sick and feeding the people.
What are we to hear in these stories?

These are the references for the descriptions of the Gospels and the men who are credited with writing them.

Beyond Words, Daily Readings in the ABC’S of Faith,
Buechner, Frederick, Harper One, NY, NY, 2004.
Four Gospels, One Jesus, Burrige, Richard, Eerdmans

The magnificent mosaic of the Byzantine church at Tabgha, commemorating the miracle of the multiplying of the loaves and fishes (*Matthew 14:19, Mark 6:41, Luke 9:16, John 6:11*), has been beautifully restored. The mosaic was originally the floor of a late fourth- or early fifth-century A.D. Byzantine basilica church on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, less than two miles south of Capernaum. Unfortunately, we cannot date the original structure more closely than this.



Sermon Notes 7-28-2024

FIRST THOUGHTS Matthew 14:13-21 p. 1,520
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MattHEw--- Hebrew

Matthew writing for the **Hebrew**/Israeli people to understand and believe Jesus is the Messiah as told in the Torah. There are approximately 70 direct quotations from Old Testament. A direct compare and contrast of OT and NT can be seen in the 10 Commandments given to Moses (Exodus 20:2-17 & Deuteronomy 5:6-21) and Jesus’ words in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 5-7).

Matthew’s version has Jesus arriving by boat and he has compassion on the crowd and heals the sick. As evening approaches the disciples start to worry about feeding the crowd. Jesus tells the disciples, “You feed them.” Limited inventory of 5 loaves and 2 fish. Jesus takes the food, gives thanks and shares with all. After 5,000 men plus women and children are fed, there are 12 baskets leftover.

Similar story told in Matthew 15:29-38.

FURTHER THOUGHTS John 6:1-15 p. 1,655
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JOhn --- Omnipotent, Omnipresent.

John is writing to proclaim Jesus is God. The fourth Gospel is different from three synoptic gospels. It is more poetic and spiritual. John does not talk about Jesus’ birth or baptism. John begins same as Genesis as Jesus power is in his words and he is God’s word to us. John includes the “I AM” statements:

I AM the bread of life—John 6:35

I AM the vine—John 15:5

I AM the good shepherd--John 10:11

I AM the light of the world—John 8:12

I AM is my name God told Moses—Exodus 3:7

John’s version is similar to Matthew’s as Jesus heals the sick, gives thanks for what is available, shares the food, and collects what is leftover. Some differences are in the story John names some disciples and states all of the food came from one boy.

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

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*Thanks to Debby for leading Worship as Pastor Vern is
on Study Leave.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

TODAY there is a walk/hike Lunch at the Newville Trailhead following the 10:15 Worship Service.

Bring a lunch, water will be provided. Lunch will be shared at 12:30. Rausa Roscinski will watch our lunches as you enjoy a hike. Bring friends!

August 11 Worship and Picnic

Colonel Denning State Park, Pavilion 1

9:30 Bird Walk with Pastor Vern

10:30 Worship Service and the picnic to follow.

BINGO will follow the picnic. Bring friends!

September 15 Movie Matinee following the 10:15 Worship Service. We will supply hot dogs, barbecue, drink. Attendees bring desserts.

October Pumpkin Bash before the Halloween Parade.

November 17 Invite Friends to Worship Sunday.

A small meal of soup, bread, dessert, and drinks will be provided.

December 1 Decorate the church after 10:15 Worship.

December 7 Combine Family Fun Night, singing Christmas Carols and Truck Stop Cookie Ministry packing.